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**Manhattan Community Board Six
Transportation Committee
February 4, 2019, 7:00 PM
433 1st Avenue (NYU School of Dentistry), Room 210**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Sandra McKee (Chair), Gene Santoro (Vice Chair), Claire Brennan, Beatrice Disman, Molly Hollister, Kathleen Kelly, Matthew Roberts, Lawrence Scheyer, Ann Seligman, Brian Van Nieuwenhoven, Ronnie White, Bob Cohen

Absent: Andrew Gross, Joe Parrish, Raymond Knowles, Philip Napolitano, James Wilson

Guests: Jason Gers, Transportation Alternatives; Colleen Chattergoon, New York City Department of Transportation (DOT); Stephanie Burgos-Veras, Riders Alliance; Lauren Secular, member of the public; Sara Newman, Council Member Keith Powers' office; Captain Conor Wynne, NYPD 17th Precinct; Joshua Shapiro, member of the public; Asher Baumrin, Senator Brad Hoylman's office; Brian Lafferty, Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer's office

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda/Previous Meeting's Minutes

Sandra McKee called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Gene Santoro made a motion to adopt the agenda, as amended so that the discussion on placard abuse is the second agenda item while the discussion on traffic control study requirements is the third agenda item. The motion was seconded by Beatrice Disman and passed.

Gene Santoro made a motion to adopt the minutes from the January 7 meeting. The motion was seconded by Beatrice Disman and passed.

Committee Business

Agenda Item #1: Presentation from the Bus Turnaround Coalition, a campaign for improving New York City's bus system

Stephanie Burgos-Veras from the Riders Alliance gave a presentation about their efforts to advocate for better bus service in New York City.

According to her presentation, there are 17 different bus routes that travel through the territory of Manhattan Community District Six (CD6). These routes serve 184,473 riders. These bus routes travel at an average speed of 4.6 mph. 14% of buses, or more than 1 in 8, are bunched. She also mentioned that the M15 carries the highest ridership in the district.

The plan from the Bus Turnaround Coalition calls for the following improvements: all-door boarding, additional bus lanes and enforcement, redesign of the bus network, transit signal priority (technology that would allow buses to spend less time at traffic lights), bus shelters and amenities, improved dispatching to keep buses on schedule.

Ms. Burgos-Veras also mentioned that MTA has committed to all-door boarding by 2022 with the implementation of the new fare system. Additionally she mentioned that transit signal priority will be on the bus fleet by 2020, a redesign of local and express networks by 2021, a bus command center this year, and digital information screens and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) announcements by 2020.

A copy of this presentation will be included on the Manhattan Community Board Six (CB6) website.

Agenda Item #2: Discussion with the NYPD on placard abuse

Captain Conor Wynne from NYPD 17th Precinct answered questions about placard abuse and bus lane enforcement.

He said that Police parking in a bus lane is taken seriously internally, especially chronic violators, as the 17th Precinct has written more bicycle summonses than any other precinct in the city.

Captain Wynne stated that police officers should only write parking summonses when there is a public safety or Vision Zero concern. However, Traffic Enforcement Agents should be issuing those violations on a regular basis, regardless of public safety concerns.

He said that stolen or fraudulent placards are addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Finally, Captain Wynne mentioned that the precinct's Integrity Control Officer follows up on 311 complaints after the initial response to see what was done and how the complaints were handled.

Agenda Item #3: Discussion of traffic control study requirements

Colleen Chattergoon from DOT explained that they did a traffic signal study in response to a request in Gramercy. Through the study, DOT determined that there was not enough volume in the area to warrant a signal. They will review this area again in 36

months. A detailed analysis of the denial was sent to CB6 District Manager Jesús Pérez and was to be disseminated to the committee.

Ms. Chattergoon answered other questions from the committee on traffic control study requirements.

Chair's Report

MTA New York City Transit is holding a meeting on Wednesday, February 6 about new accessible subway stations.

Additionally, Chair McKee reviewed specific items with the committee.

Old/New Business

Committee Member Larry Scheyer inquired about a response to the Board's L train letter, but no responses had been received.

The committee also discussed the 20th Street bicycle lanes, as there have been numerous committee complaints about these bicycle lanes.

The committee agreed to write a resolution in support of the Mayor's bus initiatives, which passed unanimously.

VOTE: 12 In favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstain 0 Not entitled

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Matt Roberts.